



# The Yellow House Collective

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## Application for Membership

### About the Yellow House Collective (YHC)

The overall aim of the YHC is to provide affordable co-operative housing to low income individuals in a sustainable manner that fosters and develops community and co-operation. We are able to do this through working collaboratively with the Spring Ridge-Fernwood Community Housing Land Trust, a charitable low income housing organization, from whom we lease the property.

### About the YHC application process:

Selection of new members is conducted by current YHC members (through a *consensus decision-making model*), and aims to select new candidates based on the YHC's current needs in regard to skill-sets, while creating a diverse and inclusive community. Additionally, the YHC is required to fulfill a low-income mandate established by the Spring Ridge-Fernwood Community Housing Land Trust. Accordingly, **the maximum annual income threshold for eligibility into the YHC is \$27,500** for individuals. After completing this application form, suitable applicants will be short-listed for an interview, and asked to attend a weekly house meeting. Please **complete all sections** of this application form. Information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

### Current Address & Contact Information:

|                          |            |              |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| First Name:              | Last Name: | Initials:    |
| Street address (if any): |            |              |
| City:                    | Province:  | Postal Code: |
| Phone:                   | Cell:      | Email:       |

Please tell us a bit about yourself and any related experience with communal living:

(Two lines for writing)

Why are you interested in living in the YHC? What issues matter to you (i.e., environmentalism, social justice, etc.)?

(Three lines for writing)

Please list any skills you have for upkeep and maintenance of the co-op (i.e., construction, accounting, fund-raising, clerical, gardening, etc.):

(Two lines for writing)

Below is a list of commitments required for membership in the co-op. Please check the commitments you're able to make:

- "I can commit to a minimum tenancy of at least six (6) months."
- "I will attend weekly house meetings."
- "I can commit to a minimum of eight (8) hours of labour per month to ongoing household projects."
- "I will participate in scheduled household chores, in addition to my monthly commitments."

Please provide a housing reference, and explain your current or most recent housing arrangement:

|                            |                               |              |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Landlord's Name:           | Apt. #:                       |              |
| Landlord's street address: |                               |              |
| City:                      | Province:                     | Postal Code: |
| Landlord's phone:          | Landlord's email (if avail.): |              |

Please describe the circumstances of your current housing arrangement:

(Two lines for writing)

Please list any diagnosed or known physical or mental health conditions:

This includes conditions that may **put others at risk** (i.e., substance dependency, history of violence, etc.), or conditions that may **put you at risk** (i.e. diabetes, mental illness, etc.). The YHC collects this information in an effort to safeguard all parties involved, and will keep this information confidential.

(Two lines for writing)

Please provide the following details about your assets and income and attach any supporting documentation available:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Value of current assets:</b>   |   |
| Values of stocks, bonds:  | +   |
| Cash/Bank balance:  | +   |
| Real estate holdings:   | +   |
| Other holdings:   | +   |
| Add the value of your assets, and write the total here:                   | =   |
| Subtract the minimum \$10,000 exemption:                                  | - \$10,000  |
| Write the total net value of your assets here:                            | =   |
| Calculate 1% of your net assets, divide by 12, and write the result here: |   |
| <b>Gross monthly income:</b>  |   |
| Write the calculated value of your assets PLUS your monthly income here:  | <b>Assets</b><br><b>Income</b><br><b>+</b><br><b>Income + Assets:</b><br><b>=</b> |

Please state any additional relevant information and any questions or concerns below:

(Two lines for writing)

I declare that the information given on this application is true, correct and complete in all respects, and give the YHC permission to audit the information provided at any time:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_